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Dp

happy birthday
makai thief

Happy Birthday
Nanran37!

Happy Birthday,
Shelisan!
Dr

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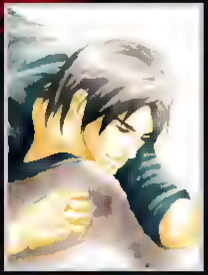

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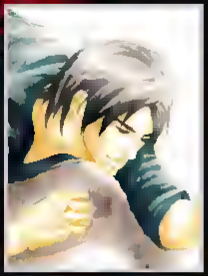

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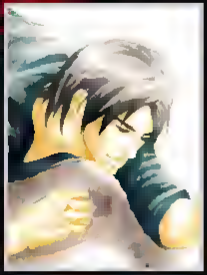

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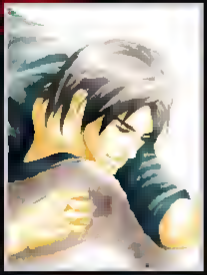

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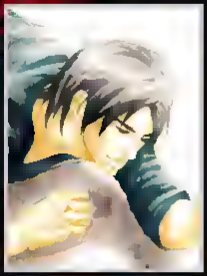

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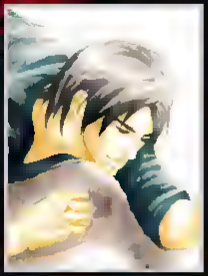

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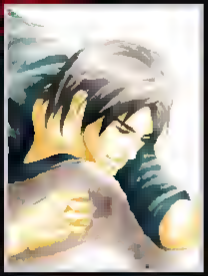

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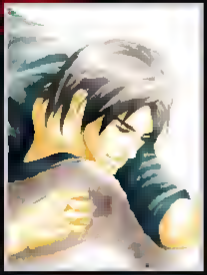

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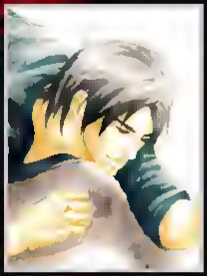

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On a futon. Bound hands. Bound body, too. But the heart can't be bound. It has no ability to bind...

Bakery owner Watari is a perfect flirt, spoiling his old friend Kyougo. Ever whimsical, Kyougo leaves Watari again and again, hurting him, but he always comes back. There's an ache in his chest.

Other loves also gather in this bakery, waiting for delicious goodies hot from its oven.

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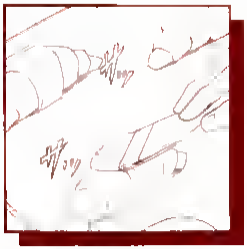
Machiya Hatoko

My second book in two years. This story was first published in a magazine as a series over a period of seven months, and now it's turned into a book. While I drew this, I reminisced about the time I worked part-time in a bakery.



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This is...

...our town's bakery.

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第1話

君の笑顔のオレンジデニッシュ

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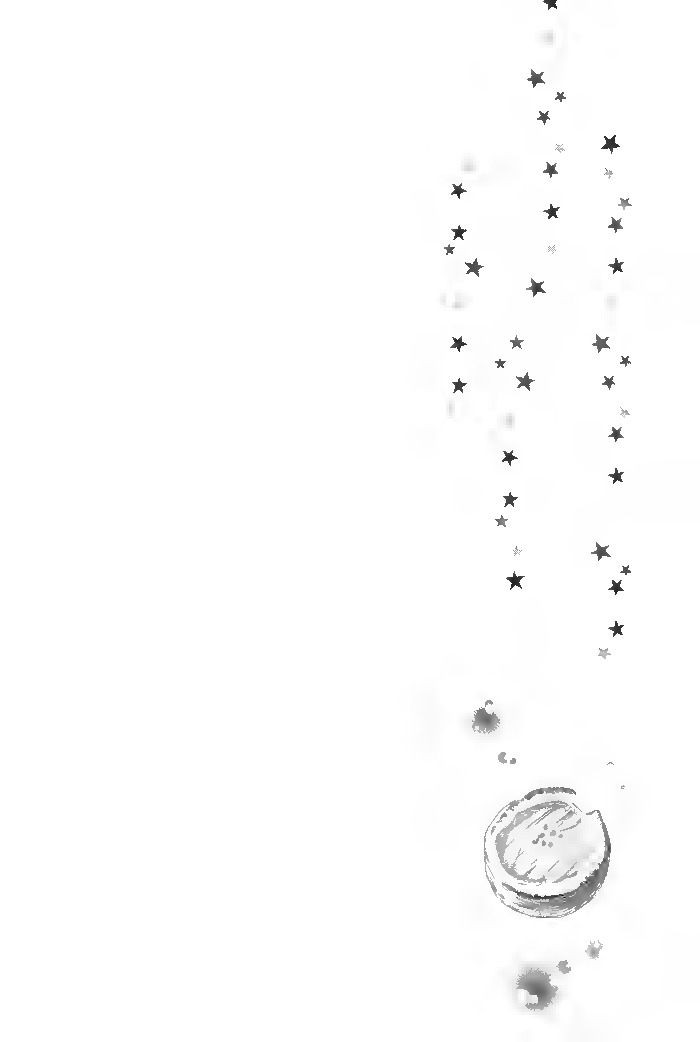

Again today,
DELICIOUS!
This is Mitani Kento
these high school boys, who are regular customers, are here together
...This is Sakurai Hiro
LATELY ALL YOU EAT IS THAT BREAD
IS IT REALLY THAT GOOD?
GOOD?! THE ORANGE CREAM IS SUPERB!
YOU CAN ACTUALLY FEEL THE LOVE WATA-SAN PUTS INTO HIS BREAD
I'M SURE IT'S HIS LOVE THAT MAKES IT SO DELICIOUS.
TRUE LOVE. ♡

YOU'RE GONNA GET BURNED IF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME
WATCH IT
Wata-saan! ♡
silence
FALLING FOR YOU! ♥
FALLING FOR YOU! ♥
OKAY, OKAY YOU'RE SO CUTE, KENTO
Whaddya mean? You're ultra-hot again today!
The bakery owner, Watari Natsuo
GRIND

LUM, WATA-SAN
mutter
HE'S SO EASY TO READ
HIRO, AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT ANYTHING?
whisper whisper
HE'S SAVING UP TO BUY A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR HIS SECRET CRUSH
HM?
snap
DON'T TELL WATARI WEIRD STUFF!
PFFT!
CUTE!
HA HA HA
YOU KNOW
MY BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP TOO
SO FAR, HE'S GIVEN ME NOTHING BUT CANDY
DON'T LAUGH AT ME!
YOU BAS-TARD!

AWWW YOU'RE JUST BEING IRRITABLE BECAUSE YOU'RE HUNGRY
WHAT?
HUH?
HERE I'LL SHARE MINE WITH YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH
munch
munch
Say "Ah"! ♡
Snap
CLUNTCK
STOP THA-
STUFF
SO? IT'S GOOD RIGHT?
TASTY?

HE'S REAL QUIET AND ALWAYS LOOKS AWAY
LIM, MUST BE GOING THROUGH A REBELLIOUS PHASE
FORGIVE HIM, WATA-SAN OKAY?
HEH, HEH!
WELL I GUESS I'LL FORGIVE HIM
BUT NOT WITHOUT A PRICE
INTER-VIEW?
HIRO
COME HERE FOR A SEC.
SNEAKY!
TIME FOR AN INTERVIEW

HOW COME ONLY HIRO GETS TO WORK HERE?
BECAUSE HE NEEDS THE MONEY
YUP.
RIGHT?
IT'S TRUE THAT THE PART-TIME LADY COMES IN AT AROUND NOON.
SO BEING ALL ALONE IN THE MORNINGS AND EVENINGS MUST BE PRETTY TOUGH ON WAKA-SAN
WELL MAYBE
HIRO CAN SNACK ON THE REJECTS...
...ONCE IN A WHILE
BUT THE TRUTH IS

I ACTUALLY FEEL A LITTLE LONELY
sob
WISH I HAD A GIRLFRIEND
BUT HOW COME NO GIRLS LIKE ME?
EVERYTHING'S THE SAME, EXCEPT THAT HIRO,
Morning
kick
GET UP! GET UP!
OUT COLD
Recess.
SORRY!
NO TIME, GOTTA GO!
HEY!
After school
THE ONCE-FLAKY HIRO
HAS BECOME KINDA COOL EVEN IF HE CAN'T COMPARE WITH WATA-SAN
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
ching

HEY, HIRO
AH, A PATRON
MAN I WANT TO TALK TO HIRO
WE HAVEN'T TALKED AT ALL LATELY
RIGHT NOW, I REALLY WANT TO TELL HIM, "YOU'RE SO COOL!"
sting
sting
YOU AGAIN!
HIRO-KUN!
CAN'T YOU BE A LITTLE MORE ATTENTIVE TO ME?
I CAN SEE THAT FROM LOOKING AT YOU, BUT
IT'S RUDE TO TALK SO INFORMALLY TO THE STAFF.
THINK ABOUT THAT.
THE FANS ARE ALREADY FILING UP!
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO REMEMPER THAT...
ANYWAY, I'M REALLY BUSY
...HIRO IS WORKING THIS HARD FOR

I ALREADY FEEL LONELY WHEN HE DOESN'T PAY ATTENTION TO ME
— SOME GIRL —
IF I COULD FIND MYSELF A GIRLFRIEND
ACHE
ACHE
GUESS IT HAD TO HAPPEN
BETTER HEAD HOME
GREAT NOW I'M DEPRESSED
HIRO
I'M GO(—
KEN, YOU'RE IN THE WAY!
I ALMOST HIT YOU!
THIS IS HOT!
WATCH OUT!

"IN THE WAY"...
HEY, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO GO HOME?
TODAY IT'S YOUR
SORRY FOR BEING IN THE WAY
IF I STAY HERE
I'M IN THE WAY
YOU GO AHEAD.
AND SAVE UP FOR THAT GIFT. THEN...

...DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, MORON!
KEN!
sting
sting
ache
ache
WHY...
RIGHT NOW, I'M NOTHING BUT A NUISANCE
...C ISN'T I JUST BE HAPPY FOR HIM?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Congrats!
Whoo!
READY?
WELCOME HOME!
ARE YOU READY?
SURPRISE
SURPRISE
THIS BIRTHDAY CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD
DAD, MOM, AND SIS, I'M SORRY!
STRANGE STRANGE STRANGE
CHEERS
OH RIGHT IT'S MY BIRTHDAY
Usually he'd be the
LIFE OF THE PARTY
Cheers! Thanks!
Isn't this fun?! Yeah!
Now, LET'S EAT! IT'S YUMMY!
I'M DISAPPOINTING YOU ALL
EVERYONE HAS OFF-DAYS
IT'S OKAY!
SORRY I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TODAY

NEXT TIME I SEE HIM, I HAVE TO TELL HIM THAT.
I SAID SOME MEAN THINGS TODAY
SOB
I'VE BEEN GREEDY SO I DESERVE THIS
EVERY YEAR, HE GIVES ME NOTHING BUT CANDY
HIRO
ALTHOUGH THIS IS SO, SO HARD
Kento? I'm sorry about before. Are you still mad?
SUCH A BAD TIME
YEAH?
WHO IS IT? JUST WHEN YOU'RE FEELING SO DOWN
CAN'T READ THE DISPLAY THROUGH THESE TEARS
I'LL TELL HIM.
"I HOPE YOU WIN OVER YOUR GIRL-FRIEND."

HUH?
Can you come to Watari's store now?
So I'll be waiting.
I'M NOT REALLY MAD
CRAP. I'M CRYING AGAIN.
BUT—
BUT
HE CALLED TO TELL ME TO GO OVER TO HIM?!
HANG ON?! WHY, THAT SELFISH
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.
MY FEET ARE—
MOVING ON THEIR OWN.

WATA-SAN, WHERE'S HIRO?
NOW, SIT! SIT DOWN!
IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MOMENT, SO HOLD ON
COME ON IN.
HUFF HUFF
WATA-SAN...
HIRO, NOW SING!
?
HIRO IS SINGING?
Hap~py
Birth~day,
dear
Ken~to..
Hap~py
Birth~day...
~to youuu.
HE'S SINGING EVEN THOUGH HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO SING
click

WH-WHAT'S THIS? YOU...
J-JUST BLOW OUT THE CANDLES ALREADY!
HIRO BAKED IT ALL BY HIMSELF
TRY IT
AWESOME! IT'S A GIANT VERSION OF WATA-SAN'S ORANGE DANISH!
CRUNCH

DID-DID I FAIL?!
H-HEY, SAY SOME-THING!
HE FROZE.
DE DELICIOUS!
I'M SORRY FOR BEING GRUMPY BECAUSE I FELT SO LONELY
I'M, I'M SORRY FOR SAYING YOU ONLY EVER GIVE ME CANDY
Wait! Wait! Wait!
GOO-GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR GIRL-FRIEND
THIS IS SO GOOD YOU IDIOT!
GIRL-FRIEND?

SO, YOU SEE I PERSUADED HIRO TO DO THE SAME
WELL, KENTO, I DON'T MEAN TO MEDDLE, BUT...
I LEARNED HOW TO MAKE BREAD...
BECAUSE I WANTED THE PERSON I LIKED TO EAT IT.
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO USE THE MONEY FROM THIS JOB TO BUY A GIFT AND CONFESS TO HER?
...

SO, WHO DO YOU THINK WAS THE SECRET CRUSH WHOSE BIRTHDAY WAS COMING UP?
AND, HIRO!
IF YOU DON'T MAKE A MOVE RIGHT NOW, THEN YOU'VE NO RIGHT TO SPEND THE WAGE I GAVE YOU ON YOUR TRIP!
I...
HIRO?

I WANNA MAKE OUT WITH YOU ON OUR SUMMER VACATION, KENTO!
WHAT ARE YOU, RETARDED?!
HAHAHA! YOU MORON!
I'LL BAKE IT AGAIN ANYTIME
THAT DANISH REALLY IS FILLED WITH LOVE
OKAY

—BECAUSE IT'S LOVE
THAT MAKES IT TASTE
SO DELICIOUS

SOMETIMES I REALLY FEEL LIKE EATING
MELON @READ.
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第2話
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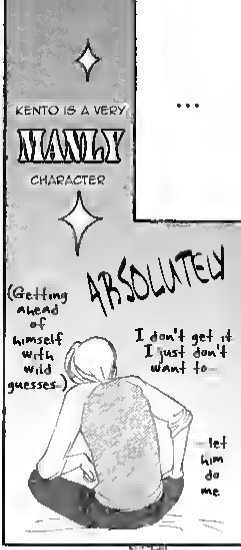
Chapter Two Your Melon Bread

I LIKE HIRO.
SAKURA HITO
HE WAS MY CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.
BUT NOW MY FEELINGS HAVE CHANGED
WHEN I HEARD THAT HIRO HAD FOUND A "GIRLFRIEND," AND I REALIZED THEY MEANT ME I FELT SO WARM INSIDE
HIRO SAID HE LIKES ME TOO
"I WANNA MAKE OUT WITH YOU ON OUR SUMMER VACATION, KENTO!"
YUP. THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
ME, TOO, I WANT US TO M—

WAIT! THAT MEANS HE'S PERV, RIGHT?
WHAT IS HIRO THINKING?
Since we're on that topic...
Hadn't thought about what that means.
...MAKE OUT?
After all, he's in high school, and is controlled by his lower body.
That's fine... fine.
WELL, IT'S NORMAL TO WANT TO SLEEP WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE, ISN'T IT?
THE THOUGHT OF DOING THAT WITH HIM SCARES ME.
...DECIDED.
This is getting dangerous! Will he push me down? Or will I push him down...
No. More importantly, the question of who's the top and who's the bottom has to be
WORRY
WORRY
For starters...
KISSING?
Right! That's right!
PINCHING
THE NIPPLES MIGHT FEEL GOOD
WAIT!

HIRO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK TODAY, RIGHT?
CAN I COME OVER?
SO, HE TAKES THE INITIATIVE


KENTO IS A VERY
MANLY
CHARACTER
...
ABSOLUTELY
(Getting ahead of himself with wild guesses.)
I don't get it. I just don't want to—
let him do me

WHAT'S WRONG? HE'S NOT SAYING A WORD. IS HE SULKING?
IT'S NOT THAT
IT'S JUST
THEN IT'S DECIDED!
WHAT, I CAN'T?

IT'S A PERFECT CHANCE, SO WHY IS HIRO..
CONCENTRATING ON HOMEWORK?
YOU'RE NOT IN THE MOOD?
You're the one who suggested it!
Oh!
DON'T TELL ME...
OUR SUMMER...
...HE MEANT HE WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL THAT TRIP?!

WHA WHAT'S WRONG?
DIESS
Scaring me like that!
ARGH!!
I WAS JUST IRRITATED
D/off
HERE
?

NO WAY!
I'M SOOO HAPPY!
Melon bread
Can I eat it?
You'd eat it even if I said no
I got it yesterday, though (today's a holiday)
ISN'T THIS BREAD FROM WATA-SAN'S?
AT TIMES LIKE THIS YOU NEED FOOD RIGHT?
MUNCH
MUNCH
DELICIOUS!
LICK
SO THAT'S WHY I FELT SO TENSE IT'S HIRO'S FAULT
I REALLY LOVE THE TASTE OF WATA-SAN'S BREAD

WHAT? IF YOU WANT SOME, SAY SO
You gave it to me, didn't you?
STARE
AHA
AWESOME! I'M SO SMART!
ISN'T THIS OUR CHANCE TO MAKE OUT?
NOT MAYBE! GEEZ..
CAN'T BE HELPED..
Why are you blushing?
MAY-- MAYBE I WANT..
BITE

roll
roll
MIDE A MEEP OFF (RITE A PIECE OFF)

Huh? What
Hiro?
KENTO...
th-thump
th-thump
th-thump
th-thump
HUH?
nibble
Wait... Hiro...
nibble
nibble
WAS ME?
MAYBE
YOU MEANT THAT WHAT YOU WANTED

TH THIS IS BAD!
KISS
SMUD
RIGHT NOW I
DING DONG
THE... THE DOOR...
SO WHAT?! IT'S PROBABLY JUST A SALESMAN
PANT PANT
Hiro?
You there?
I brought mitarashi dango~
HIS MOTHER'S BACK!
Rice dumplings (dango) covered with a sweet soy sauce, sugar and starch made from rice

Sorry for the intrusion, ma'am.
Oh, you're going home already, Ken-chan? I brought Dango.
See ya.
KEN-TO
WELL, GOTTA GO!
DANG.
I WAS SO EXCITED...
KISS
Hasn't calmed down yet
OH!
Dart
Dart

BUMMED?
I REALLY AM A MENACE. ALTHOUGH I DID HOLD BACK.
HE WON'T BE BUMMED NOW, WILL HE?
Since I left so suddenly...
I'LL TEXT HIM.
YEAH!
KEN-TO...
KENTO
HIRO: DON'T BE BUMMED! I WAS SOO EXCITED! LET'S DO IT AGAIN.

BITE
I REALLY WANT TO EAT
MELON BREAD
I ALMOST ATE YOU UP

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Chapter 2.5. First Time
TODAY KENTO AND I WERE GOING TO PLAN OUR SUMMER VACATION TRIP
BUT...
HEY, HIRO
YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T WANT TO DO IT BEFORE OUR TRIP?
nudge
PATHETIC
What if I mess up?
Will it really be all right?
shiver
shiver
BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT
STRESSED
AT LEAST TAKE CARE NOT TO HURT YOUR PARTNER
I'D REALLY RATHER NOT
I'll be ashamed to face your parents.
SO HE TAUGHT ME
Too much information
TEACH YOU HOW TO HAVE SEX, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT,
The other day
I TRIED ASKING WATARU
He's the one I'm relying on, after all
MY PARENTS LEFT FOR A FAMILY WEDDING SO KENTO IS STAYING OVER AND IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US
PERFECT CHANCE!
So
steam
WE'RE NOT
I just changed the sheets
The bed is so inviting!
I even aired the pillow
glance
boo

waft
HE SMELLS LIKE SOAP
I'LL GO GET IT
I'VE GOT A GUIDE-BOOK
SO THAT WAS WHY
YOU REALLY WANT OUR FIRST TIME...
...TO BE SOME-WHERE FAR AWAY...
RATHER THAN AT HOME?
...you made me wait for so long earlier!
YOU KNOW, I...
whisper
...CLEANED MYSELF UP REALLY WELL
Proper reluctance
Go for it!
CLATTER
DO IT?
DO IT!
HE'S...
...NERVOUS.
KENTO'S ALL FLUSHED.
OH...
EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING
KEN-I
THEN HURRY UP AND GET UN-DRESSED!

KISS
KISS
FWUMP
TACKLE
Waah!
SWAP
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
PANT
PANT
whoa
SLID
SORRY I'LL GET UN-DRESSED TOO
Y-YOU DO THAT
AMAZING
Ready to go
CAN I TOUCH IT?
YEAH.

caress
MMMF
stroke
AMAZING
IT'S
PULSATING!
SHOCK
SPLATTER
splurt
quiver
NO,
WAY...
KISS
Sorry,
sorry.

I WAS SURPRISED BY HOW SUDDEN IT WAS, BUT
I CAME PREPARED.
!!!
PRE-PRE-PARED?
FOR EVEN MORE AMA-ZING THINGS...
HE SAID TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT
GULP
THE OTHER DAY I TOLD WATA-SAN THAT I WAS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT PREMATURE EJACULATION AND OVERDOING THINGS, YOU KNOW
AND I SUPPOSE I'M THE ONE BEING DONE?
I'M SO SOR-RY!
WELL, I'M ANNOYED THAT THIS IS HOW IT WORKED OUT, BUT...
KENTO
IF IT'S WITH YOU,
I REALLY WANNA DO IT
I'LL BE SO CARE-FUL!

Amazing... I think I'm ready
YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY SKILLED
KISS
KISS!
Hard
Hard
fondle fondle
REAR ATTACK
IT SHOULD FIT NOW
twitch
twitch
TRY PUTTING YOURS IN
AH ENOUGH
Too much!
SHUDDER
OH!
squish
squish
GULP
huff
huff
careful
careful
tremble

Ha- ha uh (My voice won't come out)
KEN
YOU ALRIGHT?
TH- THIS IS BAD
WAI
WAIT
FLASH
FLASH
Augh...
DON'T PULL OUT! YOU CAN'T PULL OUT!
Don't move, moron!
Pat
Pat
WHA- WHAT SHOULD I DO..?
Sweat
Sweat
WE'RE IN TROUBLE.
Ooooh.

IT HURTS, BUT...
BECAUSE IT'S WITH YOU.
I'M SO HAPPY
IF YOU GO REAL SLOWLY,
MAYBE IT'S OKAY TO MOVE

AND THEN...

COMING!
I WAS THERE.
OH, THANK GOD!
I'LL GET BETTER!
KENTO
DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL GET BETTER SOON.

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Chapter 3 Extra
Hot Mustard
Sandwich (Part 1)

HANASAKI-SAN IS HAVING BREAD
SO I'LL HAVE BREAD TOO.
I AM FASCINATED...
BY HIS HAND THAT HOLDS THE TONGS
MY FACE BURNS JUST FROM STANDING NEXT TO HIM.
AND IT'S HARD TO BREATHE

Chapter 3 : Extra Hot Mustard Sandwich (Part 1)

TIMID — CAN'T DEAL WITH PEOPLE.
I wanted a desk job.
HOW DID I END UP IN SALES AND MARKETING?
A FEW MONTHS AGO,
I WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK UNDER HANASAKI-SAN
OKAY, SASAYAMA.
THE WEATHER'S NICE TODAY.
SO SHALL WE EAT OUTSIDE?
I'M SURE HANASAKI-SAN KNEW
THAT I WAS TRYING TO KEEP MY DISTANCE
BUSTLE
HERE, S.S.-YAMA.
TRY THIS.
HUH?

OH— NO, THANK YOU
I HAVE MY OWN LUNCH I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING
OKAY, BUT JUST TRY IT
THE BREAD IS INCREDIBLY DELICIOUS
Here, here
And it's from from him
REFUSING NOW WILL ONLY COMPLICATE THINGS
BITE
munch munch
!
I SHOULD JUST EAT IT
MY STOMACH HURTS A LITTLE BUT THAT'S NO REASON NOT TO EAT IT

HEY, SASAYAMA.
I have my own share.
YOU CAN EAT IT ALL.
Good, good.
IF YOU LIKE IT GO RIGHT AHEAD.
...C'AN'T WE TRY WORKING TOGETHER?
IT'S ONLY FOR A YEAR BUT

WILL A YEAR BE LONG ENOUGH?
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REPAY YOU FOR TRAINING ME ON THE JOB
AS SOMEONE WITH SO LITTLE POTENTIAL...
DON'T THINK LIKE THAT!
WHACK
SORRY

ruffle ruffle
EVEN THE ONES WHO SEEM MADE FOR THE JOB OFTEN QUIT
THE REASON I HELD ON TO YOU IS SIMPLE
I TOOK A SHINE TO YOU

CLOSING IN
?
?
STARE
?
TICKLE
wipe
HM?
LICK
!

WHAT?!
AH MY BAD
IT JUST LOOKED SO TASTY
I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF MY NEPHEW LATELY AND GOT INTO THE HABIT
THIS IS NOT NORMAL
O...Jessica
RUB RUB
NORMALLY I GUESS, YOU'D DO THIS
OKAY ALL CLEAN
YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR APPEARANCE!
SHALL WE GET GOING?
TO FALL IN LOVE, SO EASILY
I'M ASHAMED OF MYSELF

I COULDN'T ADMIT TO FEELINGS LIKE THIS EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL.
IT TAKES EVERYTHING I'VE GOT JUST TO HIDE THE WAY I FEEL
THERE'S NO DOUBT
MAYBE I CAN'T
I BET A COWARD LIKE ME
Oh, my home!
WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SAY IT

Good job. Put this on my tab!
Hey!
OKAY
I'LL COME GET THIS LATER
SORRY THAT WAS MY NEXT CLIENT I HAVE TO GO BACK EARLY
YES WHAT? OKAY, GOT IT
I'LL RETURN RIGHT AWAY
"HANA-SAN?"
NO NEED I'LL PUT IT ON HIS TAB
UM
I'LL PAY FOR HIS, TOO
YOU WERE?!
With the owner?!
WE WERE EVEN IN THE SAME CLUB
YEAH HE AND I WERE CLASS-MATES ♡
HANA BEING HANA, HE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW ANYWAY

BASKETBALL
SPARKLE
ahg!
That's a little mean
THE ROUKYUU! CLUB
ER WHICH CLUB WAS THAT?
Wants to know badly
ROU-KYUU
"Old age"?
BAS-KET-BALL.
He was even the star of the team
But he was so young
JUST KIDDIN
NOT ONLY WAS HE COOL HE WAS ALSO POPULAR
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
Huh?
YOU WERE PICTURING HOW COOL HE WAS, WEREN'T YOU?
Ah~ha!
ON DAYS WHEN HE WAS OFF HIS GAME HE'D LOSE THE BALL AND MISS THE HOOP MORON
WHEN HE WAS GOOD EVERYTHING WENT SO WELL BUT
BUT YOU KNOW HE WAS ALSO RECKLESS

*T/N THE WORDS FOR "BASKETBALL" AND "OLD AGE" ARE BOTH PRONOUNCED "ROUKYUU" IN JAPANESE. SO THE GIRL IS CONFUSED BECAUSE SHE THINKS THE BASKETBALL CLUB IS THE OLD AGE CLUB. WHICH IS WHY SHE'S SURPRISED WHEN SHE FINDS OUT HE'S GOOD AT IT. I HOPE THAT MAKES SENSE. I LITERALLY HAD TO GOOGLE IT. ANYWAY, HE'S DEFINITELY GOING TO CONTINUE BASKETBALL.

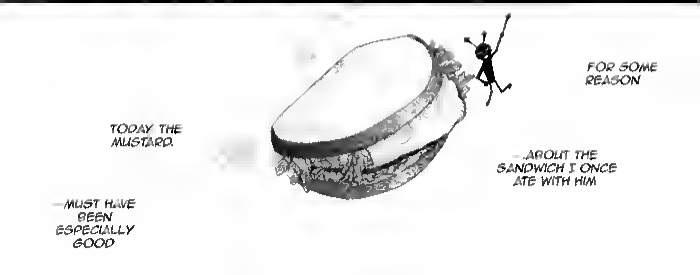
Every day, you buy the same thing he does, blushing the whole time
IF I WERE YOU, I'D BE MORE CAREFUL
!
UH... UM
DOES THAT BOTHER YOU?
OH GEEZ... I'M SORRY!
DO I MAKE YOU SICK?
I HAVE A MALE LOVER
WELL, DO I MAKE YOU SICK?
WHAT...?
WATARI-SAN, DO YOU ALSO LIKE HANASAKI-SAN!?
NO, NO

WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT IT?
YOU'VE BEEN SUFFERING ALL ALONE UP 'TIL NOW, HAVEN'T YOU?
SUDDENLY HERE'S A CONFIDANTE WHO'S BEEN THROUGH IT ALL

I CAN BREATHE MORE EASILY NOW I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER
A LOOK THAT SAYS "I OWE YOU ONE"
A LOOK THAT SAYS, "GIVE IT ALL YOU GOT"
IT NEVER EVEN OCCURRED TO ME THAT HANASAKI-SAN MIGHT NOTICE

...THIS NEW BOND
HEY, DO YOU TWO...
...POSSIBLY...
...KNOW EACH OTHER?

IN MY CONFUSION, I THOUGHT...


FOR SOME REASON
—ABOUT THE SANDWICH I ONCE ATE WITH HIM
TODAY THE MUSTARD
—MUST HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY GOOD

YOU KNOW EACH OTHER??
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Hot Mustard Sandwich (Part 2)
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PISSED
WHAT'S WITH THOSE MEANINGFUL GLANCES?
OH, YOU CATCH ON FAST, HANA-CHAN
pull
GIRLFRIEND
Wa.. Watari-san?
heh heh heh
IMPRESSIVE COMING FROM SOMEONE AS BLIND AS YOU ARE

H.N. S. KI-S. N...
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MY KOUHAI
What a sneak you turned out to be!
Huh? What are you talking about?
Who's the real sneak?
HONESTLY! YOU'RE THE ONE UNCONSCIOUSLY DOING THESE THINGS

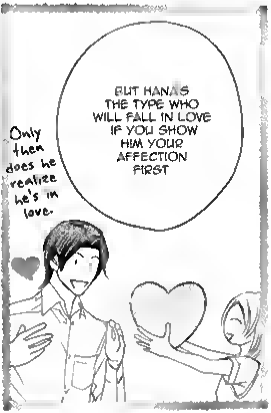
HANABAKI-SAN SEEMS TO KNOW ABOUT WATARI-SAN'S LOVE AFFAIR

I GUESS

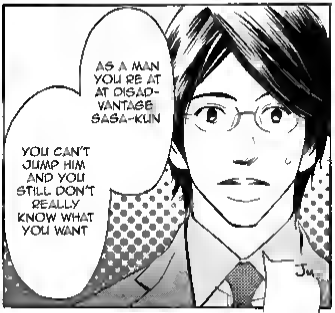
HE'S BEEN WORRIED NOT ONLY ABOUT WATARI-SAN BUT ALSO ABOUT ME AS HIS KOUHAI

Naito Hanazaki-san left first.
We never cleared up his misunderstanding!
Which means...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT IS HE THINKING?
DON'T YOU THINK HE WAS JEALOUS?
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
How can you brush it off so easily?
HE THINKS YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON ME, RIGHT?
WHAT...?
I DON'T...
THINK THAT'S LOVE
WELL, IT'S UP TO YOU WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT

TO MAKE HIM FALL FOR YOU, YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND CONFESS


BUT HANA'S THE TYPE WHO WILL FALL IN LOVE IF YOU SHOW HIM YOUR AFFECTION FIRST
Only then does he realize he's in love.

IF I DON'T CONFESS, DON'T TAKE THE FIRST STEP—
I KNOW!


AS A MAN YOU'RE AT AT DISAD-VANTAGE SASA-KUN
YOU CAN'T JUMP HIM AND YOU STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU WANT
JU—

JUMP HIM?
WELL IT'LL BE FASCINATING TO SEE HOW YOU'LL CHANGE

I'M... SCARED.
I KNOW THAT BUT
HANASAKI-SAN IS IN NO MOOD TO TALK TODAY
chomp chomp
...
?
Ugh!
BAST-ARD!
HE'S BEEN PUTTING TOO MUCH MUSTARD ON THE SAND-WICHES
He'll lose customers that way
slurp
YOU TALKED TO HIM, RIGHT?
ABOUT A LOVER PERHAPS?

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
MAYBE WATARI-SAN HAS A LOVER,
BUT YOU O KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT THAN I DO
SO, HE DOES-N'T LOVE YOU BACK?
GIVE ME THAT, PLEASE
GRAB
HUH?
MUNCH MUNCH
HEY!
WHAT DO I SEE IN HIM?
...
Sasa-yama?
BACK!

So, heh heh
THAT REALLY IS HOT
I'll have to tell Watari-san
WHY DO I HAVE SUCH SUCH A CRUSH ON HIM?
blow blow
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU ALL RIGHT?
Here, drink
"HE'S DENSE SO IF I DON'T PUT ON A LOT..."
SPECIAL MUSTARD
For Hana
I'LL GIVE YOU MINE, HANASAKI-SAN
Mine's not as hot
YOU CAN'T DO THIS, WATARI-SAN
HEY

YOU TALKED TO WATARI ABOUT YOUR CRUSH ON HIM.
THAT'S STRANGE
YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME ABOUT ROMANTIC PROBLEMS?
fiddle
HANASAKI-SAN, IN YOUR HEART
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MEN LOVING MEN?
I HAVE FRIENDS LIKE WATARI
WELL
I mean,
IT'S NEVER BOTHERED ME
THEN - IS IT POSSIBLE YOU COULD BE LIKE THAT TOO?

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
IT'S GETTING CLOUDY.
OH YEAH

I HAVE TO CHANGE MYSELF BEFORE I CAN REALLY COMMUNICATE HOW I FEEL
I'M THE ONE WHOSE EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED BY WATARI-SAN'S HOT MUSTARD
Yeah
So, shall we head back to the office and give it our best?
IT'S NO WONDER HANASAKI-SAN HESITATED TO ANSWER
I UNDERSTAND REALIZING HOW YOU FEEL MAKES YOU VULNERABLE
I WANT TO CHANGE
I DON'T WANT TO FORGET HOW I FEEL RIGHT NOW

THANKS TO YOU, WE'VE REDUCED EXPENSES
THE SUGGESTION YOU MADE WAS REALLY VERY HELPFUL
WE'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU IN THE FUTURE AS WELL
ruffle
THAT'S GREAT!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ANALYZED THE OPERATING COSTS AND NEGOTIATED WITH THE MANUFACTURERS
YES THANK YOU!
Please give me your guidance

I THOUGHT I WAS NO GOOD AT SALESMANSHIP
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, HANASAKI-SAN
YOU TOLD ME IT'S NOT ABOUT "SELLING" BUT ABOUT PUTTING YOURSELF IN THE CUSTOMER'S SHOES
YOU TOOK THAT TO HEART?
Yes
It relieved my mind
IF I GIVE IT MY ALL, I CAN MAKE THE CUSTOMERS HAPPY AND...
BE GLAD THAT I CAN BE USEFUL TO SOMEBODY
...AND BE TRUSTED
HANASAKI-SAN
IF I HAD JUST QUIT AT THE START, I PROBABLY NEVER WOULD'VE SEEN THAT
I'VE FINALLY LEARNED TO FACE UP TO PEOPLE
I WANT TO TELL YOU...
HANASAKI-SA-

whoooosh
UGH, COLD!
flutter
rustle
rustle
rustle
YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN SOON

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL BE COMING HERE WITH HANASAKI-SAN
HE COMES TO THIS BAKERY NEARLY EVERY DAY
EVERY TIME I WATCHED DESPERATELY AS YOU LOOKED OVER THE BREAD
EVERY TIME, I CHOSE THE SAME THING YOU DID
I THINK THAT ONCE THERE'S DISTANCE BETWEEN US...
...I'LL GO BACK INTO MY SHELL.
SO WHILE YOU'RE STILL WITHIN MY REACH...
TODAY I'LL TELL YOU

WHY DOES HE SEEM SO TENSE TODAY?
TENSE
TENSE
SASA-KUN
WATARI-SAN...
I HEARD YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN AS OF NEXT WEEK?
YES
JUMP
I'LL TREAT YOU TO DINNER TONIGHT TO CELEBRATE
HUH?! UMM
CAN YOU COME OVER WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED WITH WORK?
GRAB
CRUSH
IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED THAT SASAYAMA WILL CELEBRATE WITH ME

WHAT'S WITH YOU?! GULLY
GWWW
HONESTLY, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE SO BLIND?
Hey!
HUH?
SASA-KUN, THAT'S JUST THE WAY HE IS
YOU'RE BETTER OFF WITH ME THAN WITH A SCARY SENPAI LIKE HIM.

Watari-san, today I want to confess
NO, THAT IS, I..
WH- WHY DON'T YOU GO ON OVER TO WATARI'S?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO BE LONELY
I WON'T BE GOING ON SALES CALLS WITH YOU ANYMORE
AND WE WON'T BE HAVING LUNCH TOGETHER EITHER

HANA-SAKI-SAN?!
I NEED TO COOL MY HEAD
OH, DAMN! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING!
Hey.
IF YOU SPEAK FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART, YOU CAN CHANGE HIM.
WATA-RI-SAN?
COULD YOU PLEASE SET THIS ASIDE FOR US?

WAIT, HANASAKI-SAN!
NO
IF I DON'T
I'M THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO CHANGE.
CHANGE HANASAKI-SAN?
drip
drip
HUFF
HUFF
I TOLD YOU, I JUST NEED TO COOL MY HEAD
I WOULD'VE COME RIGHT BACK
WHY DID YOU FOLLOW ME?

I'D LIKE TO SPEND THE EVENING WITH YOU
THE ONE I LIKE
huff
huff
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU, HANA-SAKI-SAN!
D-DON'T FORCE YOUR-SELF
YOU REALLY WANT TO BE WITH WATARI, DON'T YOU? SO GO BE WITH WATARI

YOU'RE THE ONE I LIKE.
HANA-SAKI-SAN?
HUFF
Sob
FINALLY
I SAID IT.

STEP
STEP
STEP
COME HERE
What?
Ack!
YOU'RE SOAKING WET!
ah
drip
drip
drip

shaaaaaaa
DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU SICK?
ER THAT I SAID I LIKE YOU?
SASAYAMA LOOK AT ME...

SASA..
KISS
MY CONFUSION S GONE
UM HANA-SAKI-SA..
SO CUTE

HOW LONG ARE THEY PLANNING TO KEEP THAT UP?
Well, looks like the rain's stopping
drip
drip
THE KEY INGREDIENT FOR DRAWING OUT LOVE IS...
...EXTRA HOT MUSTARD
IT MAKES A DELICIOUS SANDWICH

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CHAPTER 4.5: LOVERS
ALL OF A SUDDEN... I WANTED TO SEE HANASAKI-SAN'S FACE
rub
zzz
MY LOVER?
pull
OH!

THAT'S BOLD OF YOU SASA
DIDN'T YOU GET ENOUGH?
GEEZ YOU'RE STILL SAYING THAT?
Even now? How many times have we done it?
TRUE I CAN'T COUNT HOW MANY TIMES WE'VE GONE AT IT 'TIL MORNING
SASA
TH—
THAT'S NOT IT
IT'S JUST— THIS IS LIKE A DREAM I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
WE'VE MADE SOME PRETTY FAST PROGRESS

...I THOUGHT WE'D START OFF WITH A LITTLE CUDDLING, BUT...
...I DIDN'T THINK HANASAKI-SAN COULD ACCEPT A MALE PARTNER SO EASILY SO
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME... AND...
T-that's smoothly...
I'M GLAD YOU CAN ACCEPT ME
BUT... I'M GLAD YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH ME BEING A MAN
Hmm?
"Are you free to-night?"
"Wanna do it?"
You're so cute, Sasa ♥
We fit together...

I WANT TO CARE FOR YOU MORE
LET ME TOUCH ALL OF YOU..
AH!
CHU
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN WORRIED, BUT..
SA-SA-
...TO ME,
THERE'S NO LIVING CREATURE MORE ADORABLE THAN YOU.

I KNOW ..
..I'M STILL INEXPERI-ENCED, BUT ..
Here
IT'S THROBBING
I LOVE THAT
HA
S..S..
..CAN I SUCK YOU?
CHEW

SLURP
SLURP
SLURP
lick
SUCK
SUCK
PLEASE!
shudder
KISS
MAY I ENTER YOU?
Uh-thump
Uh-thump
Uh-thump
JERK
AH!
SASA
YOU'RE SO CUTE WHEN YOU GIVE IT YOUR ALL

I KIND OF WANTED TO TAKE YOU ALL THE WAY
THE THING IS
SA-SAD
MAY I?
YEAH
SA-SA...
I MEANT IT...
WHEN I SAID I WANTED TO DO THIS
AH!
SIP

AH!
I LOVE YOU
ha
ha
CLENK
COME ON, DON'T HOLD YOUR VOICE BACK
LET YOUR-SELF GO SASA
CLENK
I LOVE YOU
SO MUCH
SA-SA

DOES THAT MAKE US
...AN IDIOTIC COUPLE?
HE'S WAY TOO CUTE!
I'M WAY TOO HAPPY!
WE REALLY ARE—
LOVERS
I LOVE YOU, TOO

Lovers / End

BUT STILL I HESITATED TO COME BACK HERE
huff
RIGHT NOW, I'M DEAD BROKE.
I TRIED TO HITCH A RIDE FOR THE TRAIN FARE AT LEAST, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH SO I HAD TO WALK FOR SEVERAL STATIONS.
I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT WATER SINCE THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY.
HE WILL TAKE ME IN, WON'T HE?
WHAT WILL I DO IF HE GIVES ME THE COLD SHOULDER?
IF HE HAS A LOVER?
OR IF, WORST CASE, HE'S GOT MARRIED?
THIS COLD IS SAPPING MY ENERGY
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BUT I'M ARROGANT ENOUGH TO BELIEVE WE'RE STILL CLOSE
YOU STILL LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?
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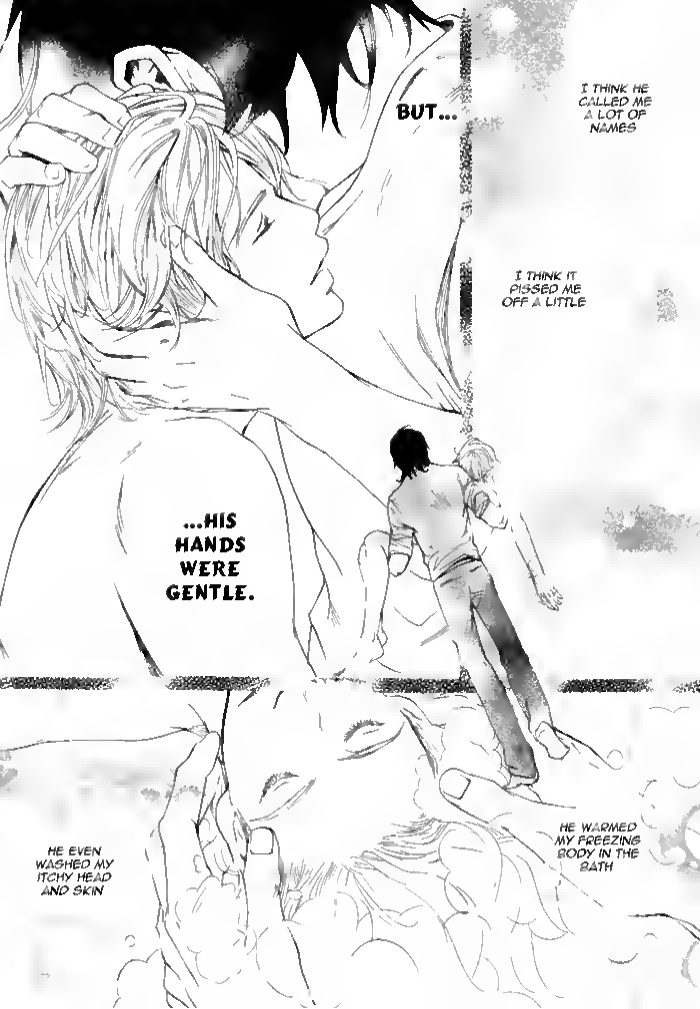
huff
huff
WELL, EVEN IF HE'S GOTTEN OVER ME HE'S STILL A GOOD GUY
I KNOW HE'LL HELP ME OUT AT A TIME LIKE THIS BUT
AFTER ALL, HE USED TO BE
MADLY IN LOVE WITH ME
IN THE END
THE DREAMS THE MONEY THE "RELIABLE" PEOPLE
I GOT TIRED OF THEM AND DISAPPOINTED IN MYSELF
IT WAS AS IF I'D LOST MYSELF
I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO BE BETTER THAN ME
"I'M GOING TO TOKYO"
MAYBE I ACTED OUT OF STUPID VANITY

I'VE NEVER
HAD ANY
LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS
OR ANYTHING I BELIEVED IN.
WATARI
EVEN THOUGH I'VE BETRAYED HIM COUNTLESS TIMES...
SO THIS IS MY LAST RESORT...

I DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO GO IN
BRAIN CELLS: ZERO
WELL IN THE MORNING
HE'LL PROBABLY OPEN THE DOOR
slide
NATSU
Waiai Natsuo
THUD
CLATTER
...


BUT...
I THINK HE CALLED ME A LOT OF NAMES
I THINK IT PISSED ME OFF A LITTLE
...HIS HANDS WERE GENTLE.
HE WARMED MY FREEZING BODY IN THE BATH
HE EVEN WASHED MY ITCHY HEAD AND SKIN

STUNNED
No stubble, even
REVIVED
DON'T WORRY, I COOLED IT OFF.

NOW
OPEN UP
nibble
A BREAD ROLL WITH PEANUT BUTTER
I WANT SOME BREAD

IT'S TIME TO SLEEP
He gets up at three.
DON'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY
SORRY I'M ONLY KIDDING.
11 00 P M
CAN YOU WAIT FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS?
BEING HERE WITH WATARI IS LIKE A A DREAM.
DOES THIS MEAN HE'S NOT MAD?
I'LL RAKE SOME ROLLS FIRST THING TOMORROW
YOU MUST BE TIRED
SLEEP WELL

...
NO NEED TO SULK!
Idiot! Dummy!
fancy fancy
THE ROLLS YOUR GRANDPA MAKES ARE THE BEST!
HE STILL WON'T LET YOU MAKE THEM?
sniff
sniff
THE BREAD SMELLS GOOD
YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD
munch munch
DON'T LET YOUR GRAND-PA BEAT YOU
WATARI'S BREAD IS SOFT
ALWAYS SOFT

drip
drip
TOO SOFT...
munch
munch
munch

"YOU CAN STAY AT MY PLACE," YOU SAY?!
I WANT TO BE YOUR EQUAL!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF ME!
BUT... I DON'T WANT TO WORK EITHER
YOU'RE CONTRA-DICTING YOURSELF
I'M SELFISH, ALL RIGHT?
I KNOW, I KNOW!
YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE DO YOU?
SO COME WORK IN MY SHOP

I'D HAFTA GET UP EARLY RIGHT?
THAT SUCKS
IF I DID COME TO WORK FOR YOU
THAT WOULD MAKE US BOSS AND EMPLOYEE WOULDN'T IT?
I MEAN, WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS
THEN HELP ME OUT AS A FRIEND
HMPH
UNTIL RECENTLY, I HAD A HIGH-SCHOOL KID FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING FOR ME PART-TIME
BUT IT'S EXAM TIME SO HE'S TAKING A BREAK
I COULD REALLY USE SOME HELP
UM ER
YOU'D ONLY HAVE TO HELP IN THE MORNINGS AND EVENINGS
WILL YOU HELP ME?

I—
I REFU—
YOU CAN'T REFUSE, CAN YOU? YOU'RE REALLY A GOOD GUY AFTER ALL
YOU— YOU'RE SO SLY IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY—
YOU CAME BACK
KNOWING I'D DO THAT, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT WASN'T—
MY INTEN-TION

CAN'T I?
AREN'T YOU MY LOVER, KYOUGO?

WATARI YOU'RE SNEAKY
BUT I'M SNEAKIER
YOUR QUESTION PUT MY MIND AT EASE
YOU STILL LOVE ME

AND THE FAINT SMELL OF WATARI'S SWEAT
THE SWEET SMELL OF BREAD
KYOU-GO...
THIS IS RAO ALREADY, I DON'T WANT TO THINK
NA-TSU...

I WANT TO DROWN IN THESE ARMS

snuggle
snuggle
WATA-
RI?
clutch

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第6話
愛しのコッペパン
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY FROM THE BEGINNING
..I WAS A PICKLE CHILD WHO GAVE UP EASILY
EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL, I QUIT MY CLUB AFTER HALF A YEAR
I DON'T THINK I WAS EVER CUT OUT TO BE A TEAM PLAYER
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THE FACT THAT I KEPT GOING AFTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
...WAS ALL THANKS TO WATARI.

AT OVER 30 I'M STILL A PUNK WITH NO DREAMS AND NOTHING I WANT TO DO, AND..
THAT FACT HASN'T CHANGED
HE'S A FINE MAN WHO KEEPS WORKING HARD TO REALIZE HIS DREAM.
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Chapter 6 :Beloved Bread Rolls 2
第6話
愛しのコッペパン②

brush
brush
I STARTED WORKING
I'LL GET SOME READY AFTER THIS
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF EGGS
NEVER-THE-LESS
OKAY. THE OVEN'S PRE-HEATED TO A 220-250°C RANGE
12 MINUTES AND AT THE SAME HEAT I CAN PUT IN THE OLIVE LEAVES NEXT.
HEH?
HEH?
NO I WAS THINKING YOU'RE IMPRESS-IVE
WHAT?
HOW SO?
YOU LEARN FAST
You remember the prep, the times, and the temps easily
DID I MAKE A MISTAKE?

DID YOU THINK I'D BE GOOD FOR NOTHING?
Laugh
NO YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A CAPABLE MAN
YOU ALWAYS WORKED HARD AFTER ALL
WORKED HARD, YOU SAY...
Are you being sarcastic?!
MAYBE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ONE TO TRY TOO HARD AT THE BEGINNING AND THEN QUIT
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT

BEING A BAKER IS FUN
EVEN THOUGH IT CAN GET SO BUSY IT MAKES YOUR HEAD SPIN
MAYBE THIS SUITS ME
TOOT TOOT
Whoa!
IT'LL BURN!
YOU TOO. WRAP UP THE DOUGH!
It's gonna dry out!
I KNOW..
AT A BAKERY, SPEED IS IMPORTANT
IT'S SURPRISINGLY HARD BEHIND THE SCENES
DAMN HE TREATS ME LIKE A SLAVE
Waah!! Hot!!

BUT I HAVE TO FINISH THOSE NOW...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT WORK JUST DO THIS FOR A WHILE
COOL IT WITH WATER RIGHT AWAY
SSHHH
YOU OKAY?!
Owww
SORRY BURNED MYSELF
OH HE LOOKS HAPPY
I KNOW
AT TIMES LIKE THIS, IT'S REALLY GOOD TO HAVE TWO PEOPLE
HE'S AMAZING...
I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE DOING ALL THIS WORK ALONE.
OKAY
I'LL TREAT IT AFTERWARDS, CLEAN IT PROPERLY.
BEING ON HIS OWN MUST'VE BEEN HARD ON WATARI

WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING?
I DON'T HAVE EVEN A TENTH OF YOUR SELF-DISCIPLINE JUST MY RIDICULOUS PRIDE
IT'S FRUSTRATING THAT I CAN'T COMPARE TO YOU AT ALL
YOU'VE PUSHED YOURSELF SO HARD, WATARI
NO WONDER YOU'VE BECOME SO IMPRESSIVE
...I THINK THE WAY WATARI LIVES, WHICH USED TO SEEM PRETTY SIMPLE, IS ACTUALLY PRETTY AWESOME.
BUT RIGHT NOW...
MY VIEW OF HIM AS A RIVAL HASN'T CHANGED IN ALL THIS TIME.

AT NIGHT
WATARI MAKES LOVE TO ME LIKE HE ALWAYS HAS
HI
THRUST
ha
ha
ha
haa
WE...
...HAVE TO GET UP EARLY
SO CONTROL YOUR SELF.

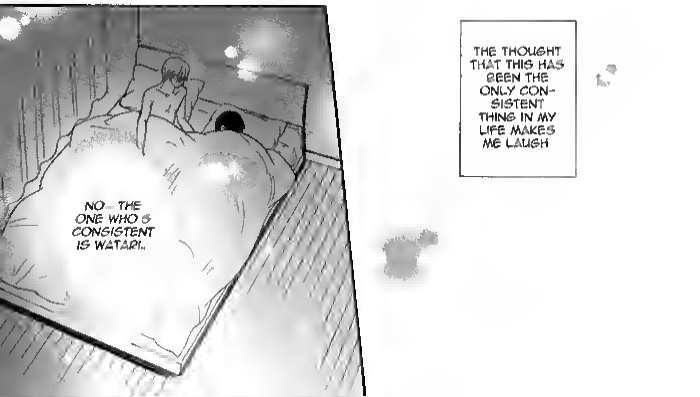
YOU CAN SLEEP IN
IDIOT. HOW COULD I SLEEP KNOWING HOW HARD IT IS TO DO ALL THAT WORK ALONE?
BESIDES...
I ALWAYS CON-TROL MYSELF
IT'S TRUE YOU ALWAYS STOP WHEN IT'S GETTING REALLY GOOD

AH!
FLUSH
IF HE REALLY WENT AT IT, I'D PROBABLY BE IN TROUBLE THE NEXT DAY.
HA
HA
BUT WHEN WE HAVE OUR NEXT DAY OFF, I'LL LET HIM DO WHATEVER HE WANTS
UH-OH- THAT'S MY WEAK..
STROKE
STROKE
THRUST
THRUST

KYOU-GO
IDIOT! WHAT AM I THINKING?
WHAT?
IN TOKYO..
DID YOU GO OUT WITH ANY-ONE?
NO WAY!
WATARI IS WORRIED ABOUT THAT?
NO-BODY.
THAT'S ONLY HALF TRUE.
IT'S HALF A LIE.
NO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER.
PRETEND I NEVER ASKED.
WATARI...?
I DIDN'T ACTUALLY GO OUT WITH ANYONE.
BACK THEN.
I THOUGHT IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE ONLY WITH WATARI

IN THE END
I DID IT
BUT I FELT SO GUILTY
I STILL ENJOYED IT, THOUGH
I HAD TO PROVE TO MYSELF THAT I COULD HAVE SEX WITH A WOMAN
BUT AFTER THAT I DIDN'T DO IT WITH ANYONE ELSE
WHAT ARE YOU SO HAPPY ABOUT?
SECOND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL - SUMMER

WATARI TOOK ME BY FORCE, LIKE A STARVING ANIMAL
WE CONTINUED AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW.


THE THOUGHT THAT THIS HAS BEEN THE ONLY CONSISTENT THING IN MY LIFE MAKES ME LAUGH
NO... THE ONE WHO'S CONSISTENT IS WATARI..

...DO I TAKE IT TH..T YOU DON'T W..NT ME TO RUN ..WAY AG..IN?
YOU WON'T LET GO OF THIS HAND, SO...
I CAN'T TRUST MYSELF
I CAN'T SAY IT
WHAT IF I STAY BY YOUR SIDE?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA

IS IT WATARI...?
WHAT IS THIS...?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN HIT A KISS.
CLUNK
SIGH
UGH
SPLATTER
AGAIN?
SINCE THAT DAY..
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONCENTRATE AT ALL

I CAN'T LOOK WATARU IN THE EYE.
PSH
FLINCH
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
HIS KINDNESS
SCARES ME
WRIST-BANDS?
SHOW ME YOUR ARMS
YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE IT BUT YOU'VE BEEN GETTING BURNED A LOT LATELY HAVEN'T YOU?
HUH?
OH
LOOK AT YOUR WRISTS
THEY LOOK BAD. WHY DIDN'T YOU TREAT THEM PROPERLY?
When I try to do it, you just get mad...
ANYWAY THESE WILL PROTECT YOU
IT'S OKAY IT'S MY OWN CLUMSINESS

WATASHI'S ATTENTIVENESS
THUD
THUD
DON'T TOUCH ME!
IT'S NOT OKAY
WE'RE GOING TO TREAT THESE RIGHT NOW
SIGH
THIS IS MY JOB SO IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY
ALWAYS TREATING MY WOUNDS MAKING ALLOWANCES—
YOU'RE SPOILING ME
NOW I DID IT
I WENT TOO FAR

I CAN ONLY LOOK AT THE GROUND
I DON'T KNOW...
WHAT KIND OF LOOK IS ON WATARI'S FACE, BUT...
huff
huff
MY ANNOYANCE ISN'T FADING
I'M DISGUSTED...
...WITH MYSELF
slide
slide
slide

I'M NOT HELPING AT ALL.
I ONLY CAUSE TROUBLE.
I WANT TO QUIT ALREADY.
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I WASN'T HERE.
OH, GOD... IT'S THE SAME PATTERN AS ALWAYS.
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU
I WANT TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER THOUGHT THAT I WANT TO KEEP TRYING
DON'T WORRY.
I WON'T QUIT, WATARI...

WATARI NEVER ONCE SAID, "DON'T GO."
OVER AND OVER I'VE LEFT THIS TOWN
BUT THIS TIME I FEEL A LITTLE DIFFERENT
DOES HE HOLD ME ALL NIGHT NEVER LETTING GO
...BECAUSE HE'S AFRAID I'LL DISAPPEAR?
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HIS HAND
...IS LIKE A SPIDER'S WEB.
JUST LET ME... HOLD YOUR HAND
I DON'T WANT TO
ALL THIS TIME I'VE BEEN OVERREACTING LIKE SOME TEENAGE SCHOOLBOY AND WATARI

WHEN WE RE THIS CLOSE MY CHEST FEELS TIGHT
STILL, I DON'T WANT TO LET GO
HIS HAND KEEPS TELLING ME "STAY WITH ME"
IT MAKES ME BELIEVE I CAN STAY HERE

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Last Chapter Beloved Bread Rolls 3

slice
TSK
OH, BUT
You already gave me my change
I'm so sorry

WATARI
—AND I—
WE'RE BOTH TIRED
THE LITTLE MIS-TAKES CONTI-NUE
LONG-ER
CRAP! TIME'S UP IF I DON'T HURRY—
DIZ-ZY?
NO! I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON MYSELF
I NEED AN EXCUSE TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE FOR LONGER
CLUNK
CLUNK
DAMN
LOOKS LIKE THE MIXER'S BROKEN AGAIN.

SSSS
SSSS
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
Dark
Dark

Hey!
WATA-RI IS MAD
Pant
Pant
SO-SORRY I MESSED UP AGAIN
YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?
NO-
SOR-RY
THAT WAS DANGEROUS!
WHAT IF IT'D HIT YOUR HEAD?

DON'T APOLO-GIZE!
huff
huff

TAKE A BREAK
DON'T COME TO THE KITCHEN FOR A WHILE
...WATARI'S HAND...
...LET GO OF MINE.
THAT NIGHT...

JWKP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THAT HAND
..WAS THE SIGNAL TO "STAY WITH ME."
STUFF
I'M LEAVING.
WHEN YOU LET GO OF MY HAND, WEREN'T YOU TELLING ME TO LEAVE?
DO YOU..
..HATE BEING WITH ME SO MUCH?
WATARI..

ENOUGH ALREADY. HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU'VE HAD..
I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY
I WANTED TO SEE IF YOU'D STAY WITH ME IF I LET GO OF YOUR HAND
I...
YOU...
WERE TESTING ME?

LET–
LETTING GO OF ME NOW
WASN'T I BOUND TO DRAW THE WRONG CONCLUSION?
I COULDN'T STAND IT
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BUT WHEN I SAW HOW TIRED YOU WERE BECAUSE OF ME. I UNDER-STOOD
I'M SCAR-ED
I'M SCARED OF STAYING BY YOUR SIDE

IF THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU,
YOU CAN RUN AWAY
Flinch
I DON T WANT YOU TO SUF- FOCATE
THAT S -
HOW I VE ALWAYS FELT

WATARI NEVER SAID "DON'T GO."
THEN I CHANGED MY MIND
WHEN YOU CAME BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS
I WANTED YOU TO FEEL AT HOME
YOU LAUGHED, SO
"Being a baker is fun"
I THOUGHT
I HAD.
FINALLY BECOME A MAN YOU COULD BE COMFORTABLE WITH

I THOUGHT HE WAS STRONG,
AND SO DIFFERENT FROM ME.
BUT
THIS FAINT TREMBLING IN HIS HEART...
...AS MINE
IS THE SAME

I
HONESTLY FELT LIKE I WAS GOING TO DIE
I'VE LEFT THAT URGE TO WANDER COMPLETELY BEHIND
THAT'S WHY...
...I CAME BACK

THIS REALLY IS THE END
MY LAST RESORT.
BUT WHAT WAS I PLANNING TO DO HERE?
WHY DID I COME BACK?

...WANTED TO SEE
...WATARI
I SIMPLY...

I'M CRYING LIKE AN IDIOT
SORRY WATARI
HA HA
I'M SORRY
I
...WANTED TO SEE YOU

NOTHING'S CHANGED
YOU TRIED TO RUN AWAY...
AND I REVERTED TO BEING THE GUY WHO FORCED YOU
Sweat
YOU'RE STILL WORRIED ABOUT THAT?
I'm over it
phew
YEAH...
ISN'T IT ALL GOOD NOW?
YOU SAID YOU'RE SCARED OF ME
THAT'S PROBABLY HALF THE REASON WHY
YOU'RE MORE THAN PERFECT NOW, EVEN IF YOU MADE ONE OR TWO MISTAKES.
CALL IT YOUTHFUL ERROR.
heh, heh
You're so cute right now. Ha ha

AH!
THIS
...
MY DAD
I'VE REGRESSED TO BEING A TEENAGER
YOUR TOUCH SHOULDN'T MAKE MY HEART RACE LIKE CRAZY ANYMORE.
BUT ADOLESCENCE IS TOUGH
YOUR HEART... RACES?
Chiharu

IT SEEMS THAT I'M ACTUALLY...
MADLY IN LOVE WITH YOU!
...A TEEN-AGER TOO?
CAN'T BE AM I...

JACKPOT
So hard
We're poking each other
SLOWLY
TOUCH ME
GET ME USED TO IT

EVEN KEEPING THAT UP IS PRETTY HARD

OUR SIMPLE DAILY ROUTINE,

..I'LL TRY HARDER, TOO

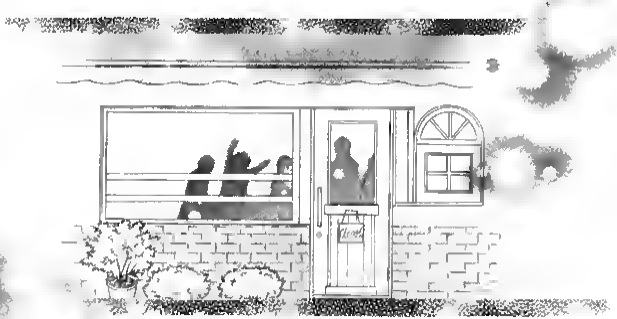
BUT...
..AS LONG AS YOU'RE THERE TO MAKE OUR EVERYDAY LIFE THRIVE

I WANT TO LIVE BESIDE YOU

Oh, THE PRODIGAL WIFE IS REALLY WORKING HARD
QUIT WITH THE "PRODIGAL WIFE"
hee hee hee
I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU WATARI-SAN
Yeah I'll
Thanks
MUH? THEY KNOW ABOUT ME?
YOU'RE MINE
KISS
YOU'RE STILL ALL COZY WITH WATARI
WHAT?
OH, THEM TOO
Wait a- Hanasaki-san!
Now, off to work!

Oh!
AWESOME! ARE YOU TWO GOING TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY?
NO WAY WATA-SAN
HIRO MIGHT NOT LOOK IT, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY VERY SMART.
WE PASSED!
Hello
Will we have fewer accidents with you around?
Oh wow nice! An onsen!
Heh
IF I EARN SOME MORE MONEY
FOR OUR GRADUATION TRIP WE'RE GOING TO SHIPUKU ONSEN RIGHT?
Hooray!
WELL, THEN!
TO CELEBRATE SHALL I BAKE A GIANT CAKE?
BUT WE'LL BE CLOSE ENOUGH THAT WE CAN ALWAYS MEET
RIGHT?
YEAH

WATARI'S MADE SOFT BREAD AGAIN TODAY
SOFT BREAD...
...MAKES EVERYONE HAPPY



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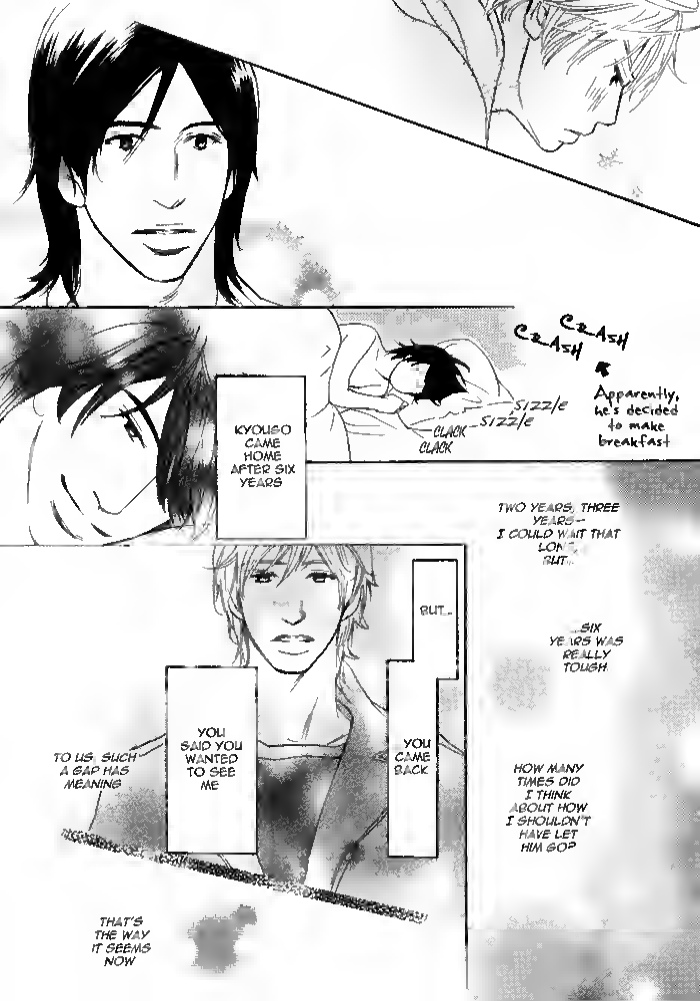
"Natsu"
KERY WATARU
KYOUGO'S REFUGE HE COULDN'T STAND HIS PARENTS FIGHTING
GRANDPA'S BAKERY WAS..
I DON'T MIND... IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANY FAMILY WITHOUT PROBLEMS, IS THERE?
AND THEN THE 12 YEAR OLD KYOUGO SMILED
THE PERSON I WAS BACK THEN...
HE TRUSTED ME.
TO KYOUGO, I WAS A RARE FRIEND.
"NATSU."

ON THAT SUMMER DAY
ON THAT CONCRETE FLOOR REFLECTING THE SUMMER HEAT
LOOKING AT YOUR BACK WHICH SEEMED SO LONELY SOMEHOW
THAT PERSON FELL IN LOVE
IN AN INSTANT
KYOUGO,
I'M SORRY...
CRASH!
blink
Am I hearing things?
YEAH I JUST WOKE UP EARLY
You okay?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I- I'M FINE GO GO BACK TO SLEEP
It's still early


KYOUSUKE CAME HOME AFTER SIX YEARS
CLACK CLACK
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
CRASH
CRASH
Apparently, he's decided to make breakfast
TWO YEARS, THREE YEARS— I COULD WAIT THAT LONG BUT...
...SIX YEARS WAS REALLY TOUGH
BUT...
YOU CAME BACK
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME
TO US, SUCH A GAP HAS MEANING
HOW MANY TIMES DID I THINK ABOUT HOW I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HIM GO?
THAT'S THE WAY IT SEEMS NOW

INCLUDING:
Lettuce
Half with stem
A carton of milk Self Serve!
4 slices of ham
The bread has a beautiful brown color
Perfectly round tomato
click
HERE EAT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT?!
pfff... ha ha
I LOVE HIM
HN
THIS IS HAP-PI-NESS
kiss
kiss
THE ONE I WAITED FOR FOR SO LONG MADE THIS FOR ME
Whaaa
I'M SO HAP-PY
HE'S SO CUTE
DO-N'T
I SAID DON'T!
whump

WHAP
IDIOT!
EAT...
..BEFORE IT GETS COLD!
SINCE HE FELL FOR ME, HE'S BECOME PRETTY BASHFUL
It took him 15 years to do it...
BUT AT NIGHT,
EVEN THOUGH HE'S EMBARRASSED, HE RESPONDS TO ME

I'M A LITTLE EMBAR-RASSED MYSELF...
CAN WE DO IT FROM THE FRONT?
SEEING YOUR FACE IS EMBAR-RASSING
OH MAN THIS IS RAD IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE'VE DONE IT THIS WAY
YEAH.
...
CAN I KISS YOU WHILE I'M GOING IN?

KYOUGO'S KISSES ARE SO ALLURINGLY SWEET
push
OKAY DO IT
AH!
HA— HA..
UNH?
UH...
SO GOOD!
AH..

AND, SO WE DID IT IN AN UNUSUAL POSITION
SOR-RY
SLEEP-PY
IN THIS ENCHANTINGLY SWEET WINTER
FIFTEEN YEARS LATER
I LOVE YOU
NA-TSU
Natsu / END

Atogaki (Afterword)

This is my second comic in two years. Did you enjoy it?

In these two years, I've drawn a lot of one-shots, but the way this series was going to be published had already been decided before that.

It was planned as an omnibus volume with 16 pages x 3 (couples). This was the first series I had such specifications for, though since I couldn't write up a decent story, in the end it turned out to be 20 pages x 7 (months). And so, "Nekasenaide" was completed as a substitute while reading it, I had the feeling something was clearly missing, so I added some love scenes.

I'll be happy if you like it.

This time, again, I owe so many people.

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I'd be glad to receive your comments.

And so, I hope to see you again next time.

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